

National Conference

on

**From Legislation to Practice:
Assessing the Implementation
of New Criminal Laws**

organised by

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur

in

Hybrid Mode

on

April 05, 2025



About Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur

Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Nagpur was established by the Government of Maharashtra in 2014. The university is an academic fraternity of individuals who foster the aim of excellence and holistic development in order to contribute effectively to society. The university aims to train socially responsible and accountable legal professionals. In order to realize this holistic vision, the University, through its multidisciplinary centres, strives to develop legal and intellectual acumen for the academic fraternity in order to institute a confident and critical outlook towards the profession and society.

The University is making rapid progress towards the dream of achieving excellence in the field of legal and justice education with its dedicated faculty members, research associates, research scholars, students and staff under the dynamic guidance of the Chancellor, Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar.



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About the Conference

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) 2023 have ushered in significant reforms in India's criminal justice system, replacing the IPC of 1860, CrPC of 1974, and Indian Evidence Act of 1872, respectively. These new laws introduce key changes such as a shift towards the involvement of technology procedures, stricter procedural timelines and forensic-based investigations, and a renewed focus on justice and reformation. However, while these laws set high standards for criminal adjudication, their practical implementation remains challenging, requiring a balance between legal ideals and ground realities.

Since their enforcement in July 2024, a crucial need has emerged to critically examine the functioning and implementation of these laws.

About the Conference

The conference aims to bring together Judges, Advocates, Public Prosecutors, Police Officers, Academicians and Students to discuss the effectiveness of these reforms, identify the challenges to effective implementation, and recommend policy reforms based on the practical experiences of key stakeholders. The conference aims to provide valuable insights into bridging the gap between legislative intent and on-ground implementation.

Discussions in the Conference will focus on contrasts between the old and new criminal laws, practical difficulties faced by different stakeholders, and harmonizing legal principles with procedural realities.

By fostering critical engagement and informed debate, this conference seeks to ensure that the implementation of these laws is both effective and just, ultimately contributing to a more robust and equitable criminal justice system.

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Call for Papers

The Conference invites full-length scholarly papers on the emerging areas of the new criminal laws. Researchers intending to participate in the conference must submit an abstract denoting the focus area of the paper, research, and relevance to the conference themes. The selected submissions will be presented by the authors at the Technical Sessions of the conference on April 05, 2025, in a hybrid mode.

The selected papers will be published in a reputed book bearing an ISBN number or a journal bearing an ISSN number.

Awards

The “Best Paper” from each technical session will be selected and awarded a Certificate of Excellence. The criteria for “Best Paper” include adherence to all the rules related to formatting, payment of the requisite fee and the deadlines specified for submission.



Sub-Themes

BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023 (BNS)

- Shifting focus from Punishment to Reformation and Justice.
- Reforms in Offences against Women and Children.
- Reforms in Offences Affecting the Human Body and Property.
- Reforms in Offence against the State (Deshdroh) and its impact.
- Need for reforms related to offences against the LGBTQ Community.
- Pressing need for further reforms.

BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023 (BNSS)

- Reforms relating to Investigation, Inquiry and Trial, including Technological Advancements.
- Reforms relating to Custody, Bail and Arrest.
- Victim-centric Reforms.
- Procedural Reforms Related to Sentencing.
- Reforms to tackle delay in the Criminal Justice System.
- Pressing need for further reforms.

BHARATIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM, 2023 (BSA)

- Reforms relating to Electronic Evidence and Cybercrime.
- Reforms relating to admissibility of Oral, Documentary Evidence, and Hearsay.
- Ensuring witness protection and integrity of testimony.
- Best practices for evidence management.
- Reforms related to the role of technology.
- Pressing need for further reforms.

Note: The above-listed themes are illustrative and the Author(s) are at their discretion to choose any other sub-theme for their paper related to the conference's general theme. The list is merely suggestive and not exhaustive.

Submission Guidelines

Abstract

The abstract should not exceed 300–350 words and must be submitted on or before March 20, 2025. All abstracts must be accompanied by a cover letter containing the following details:

1. Name of the Author(s)
2. Sub-Theme (Optional)
3. Email ID of the author(s)
4. Contact Number of the author(s)
5. Postal Address

Note: Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of 2 authors. All submissions must be the author's original and unpublished work, and should not be under process for publication in any other journal.

Link for submission of abstracts:

<https://forms.gle/5rNxV4Cs9ZkCMoym6>



Submission Guidelines

Full Paper

The following guidelines should be followed while submitting the full paper:

- The word limit of the paper shall be 4000 to 8000 words (exclusive of footnotes).
- The font style of the paper should be Times New Roman with font size being 12 for the main text and 10 for the footnotes.
- The line spacing for the main text and footnotes should be 1.5 and 1 respectively (Endnotes are not permitted).
- Margins of 1 Inch should be maintained on all four sides of the pages.
- Citation Style to be followed is Bluebook, 20th edition.
- The File Name should be in the format given: Name of Author-Title of paper
- The abstract and full paper have to be submitted in .doc/.docx format.
- A plagiarism declaration statement should be attached along with the full paper. (The permitted similarity index is 10%).
- The use of AI in writing is prohibited.

Note: The link for submission of the full paper shall be shared once the abstract is accepted.

Registration Details

Abstract selection would be intimated through email. After the selection of the abstract, the participants are required to pay the requisite fees for registration and upload the fee receipt in the registration form.

Fee payment for registration can be made through the link provided below. The last date for registration fee payment is on or before March 25, 2025.

Link for fee payment: <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/>

Registration Fees

Students:

- Single-Authorship- 700/-
- Co-Authorship- 1000/-

Research Scholars:

- Single-Authorship- 1000/-
- Co-Authorship- 1500/-

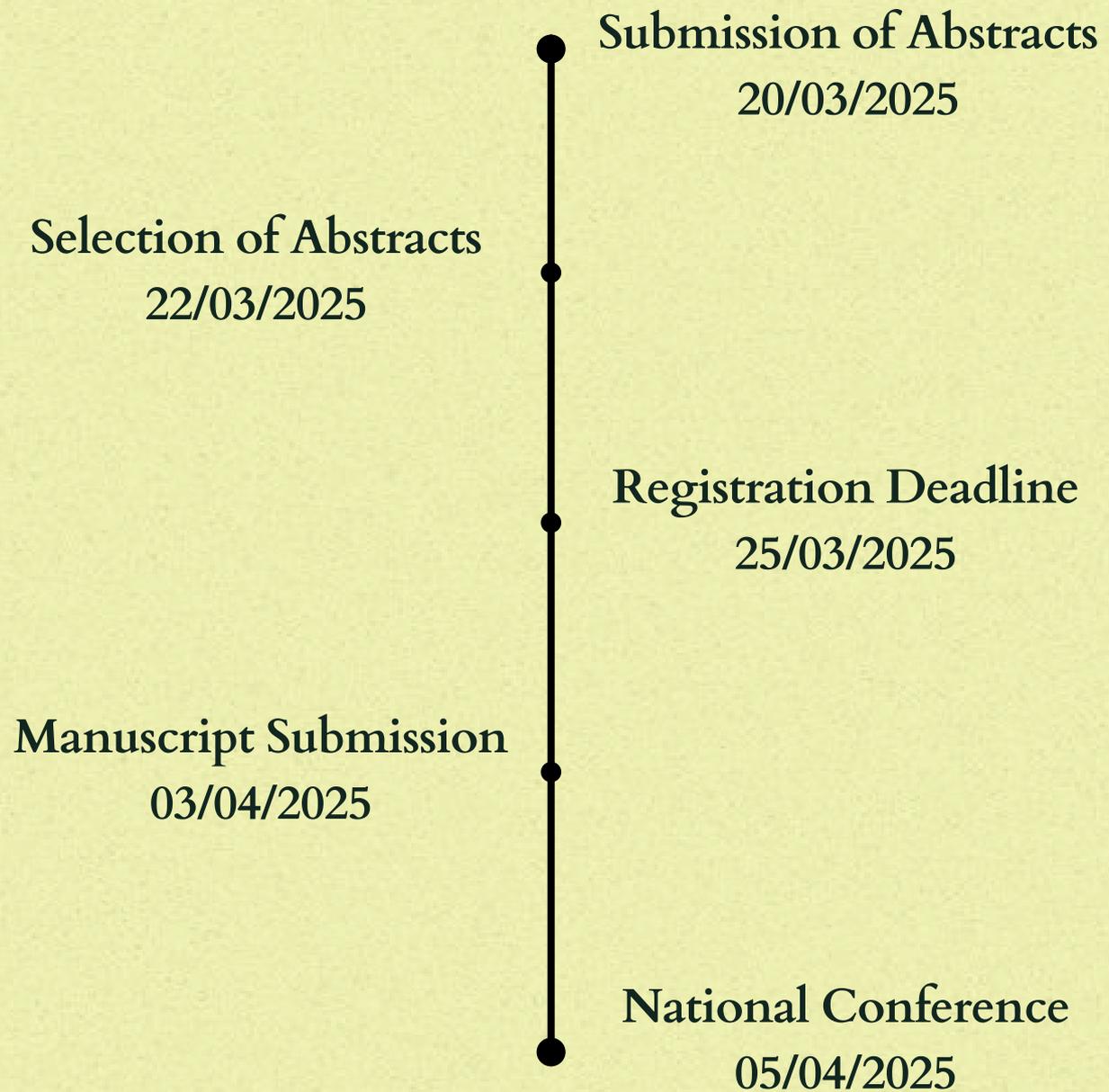
Academicians and Professionals:

- Single-Authorship- 1500/-
- Co-Authorship- 2000/-

Accommodation

Please note that accommodation is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and requires a separate accommodation fee. Details shall be shared separately.

Important Dates



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